and that I entered upon the task extrramiy against my own will,- and yet I have finished it til but it chapter. Whether, or when, I shall publish if, I shall have leisure enough to consider,"

, Dr. More, in a letter to Dr. Worthington* Feb. 7, leaf.

" "Some few friends at Cambridge were oxcwl-ing- earnest with me to write a nhort efhirLs 'alleging no small reason for it. I tiki not only •heartily reject them more than once, but with great ieal, if not rudeness, alleging several things, -which were'too long to write, indeed in a manner vilifying the project, preferring experience of lift* before all such fine systems; alleging also, that Dr. Cud worth had a design for the greatest curiosity of that subject. But nothing would content them but my setting upon the work» that it wan 'uttcfertain, when Dr. CtuIworth's would come otif, and besides, mine being a small treatke, running through the whole body of ethicks, they woulci not interfere one with another. For my part, fill I had by chance told Dr. Gtidworth of my purpose, (which I did simply, thinking nothing) and how many chapters I had finished, 1 knew nothing either of the time, or the scope of hi* writing, or if he intended a general ethicks. But the effect of those friends' earnestness (to tell you plainly how the case stood) was this: a day or two after their last importunity,. I, waking In tin* morning, and some of their'weightiest allegations rednrring to my mind, and also remembering, with what at* excessive earnestness one of them soli-"cited me to this work (in which I thought there might be something more than ordinary, and that